

2009 Heat Related Fatalities

In 2009, 45 people died as a result of extreme heat, down from 71 fatalities in 2008. This number is well below the 10-year average for heat related fatalities of 170. In 2009, the most dangerous place to be was in a permanent home with little or no air conditioning, where a reported 19 deaths (42%) occurred. The next most dangerous location was outside/open areas, where 17 people (38%) succumbed to heat. Illinois and Tennessee numbered the most heat victims, 9 each, followed by Nevada and Texas with 6 each. Extreme heat most strongly affected adults aged 50-59 (18%). As in most weather fatality categories, many more males 30 (67%) were killed than females 15 (33%).

2009 Heat Related Fatalities by State and Location

State	BF	CA	GF	MH	OT	OU	PH	VE	Total
AR (Arkansas)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CA (California)	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
FL (Florida)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	9
MO (Missouri)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
NV (Nevada)	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	6
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PA (Pennsylvania)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
SC (South Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	9
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	6
WA (Washington)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3	3	17	19	3	45
Percent	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.67	6.67	37.78	42.22	6.67	

2009 Heat Related Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	1	2	0	3	6.67
10 to 19	1	1	0	2	4.44
20 to 29	0	2	0	2	4.44
30 to 39	0	4	0	4	8.89
40 to 49	0	3	0	3	6.67
50 to 59	2	6	0	8	17.78
60 to 69	2	5	0	7	15.56
70 to 79	3	3	0	6	13.33
80 to 89	5	2	0	7	15.56
90 to --	1	1	0	2	4.44
Unknown	0	1	0	1	2.22
Total	15	30	0	45	
Percent	33.33	66.67	0.00		

Legend

BF -	Ball Field
CA -	Camping
GF -	Golfing
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
PH -	Permanent Home
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer